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REMARKS

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I. Status of the Claims

The above Amendment cancels claims 15-17 and amends claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 18. Thus, upon its entry, claims 1-14 and 18-20 will be pending. Applicant believes no new matter has been added by these changes. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-13 and 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0124252 to Schaefer et al. ("Schaefer"). Also, dependent claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Schaefer (as applied to independent claim 8) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0117831 to Ellis et al. ("Ellis"). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration for at least the following reasons.

As a result of the above amendment, each of independent claims 1, 5, 8, and 18 recites features involving the transmission of a notification request across a link.

Although Schaefer may disclose the transmission of various notifications, Applicant asserts that Schaefer neither teaches nor suggests notification requests being transmitted across links. Moreover, Ellis fails to disclose or suggest such features.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 be withdrawn.

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III. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed accommodated or rendered moot. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action. However, Applicant hereby reserves the right to make additional arguments regarding distinctions between the claims and the cited references, taken alone or in combination.

Thus, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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